

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 were presented for examination and are pending. Claim 34 has been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-6, 8-23, 26, 28 and 30-33 are rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Restriction Requirement

Affirmation is made to the election made on July 15, 2002 without traverse to prosecute claims 1-33.

The 35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections:

Claims 1-6, 13-23, 26 and 30-33 are rejected as being anticipated by Davison et al. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7 (now canceled), which have been indicated as allowable, as discussed below. Claims 2-6 and 8-33 depend from claim 1. Therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

The 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejections

Claim 8-12 and 28 are rejected as being unpatentable over the Davison et al. in view of Castellano et al. Claims 8-12 and 28 depend from claim 1, which has been amended as discussed above. Therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

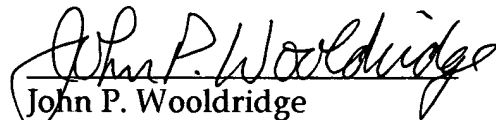
It is noted that Claims 7, 24, 25 and 27 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusions

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance based on claims 1-6 and 8-33 in view of the amendments thereto and the foregoing comments.

If any impediments remain to prompt allowance of the case, please contact the undersigned at 808-270-1011.

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